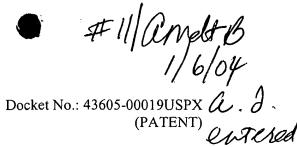
CUSTOMER NO. 23932



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Harald Thomas, et al.

Application No.: 09/637543

Filed: August 11, 2000

For: PARALLEL OPERATION OF DEVICES

USING MULTIPLE COMMUNICATION

**STANDARDS** 

Art Unit: 2684

Examiner: Nguyen, Tu X.

RECEIVED

JAN 0 2 2004

Technology Center 2600

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003 (Paper No. 8), finally rejecting claims 1-4 and 24-33, please amend the application for patent as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.